

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: KUMAR *et al.*
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 For: PRODUCTION OF TACROLIMUS (FK-506) USING NEW STREPTOMYCES SPECIES

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED
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In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2008, Applicants elect **Group II** (Claims 2-17) for Examination without disclaimer or prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on all non-elected subject matter of instant application. The Examiner is therefore requested to examine the elected claims immediately

Authorization is hereby given to charge any fees deemed to be due in connection with this Response to Deposit Account No. 50-0912.

Respectfully submitted,

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